

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

B. ROLL CALL: Acevedo, Ajasa, Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Cologne, Cowen, Curry, Dallinga, Davis, Dlhopsky, Farrow, Ferreira, Flynn, Gulum, Holden, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, MacKinnon, May, McCormack, Messineo, Moffitt, Pezza, Pilkington, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, K Stewart, Troiano, Wynne, Zaman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Rodrigues: Bill SS-10/11-47, motion change from chairman to treasurer and add recommendation (5-0-0)

Dallinga 2nd

Agenda approved ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Messineo: Page 5 under president's report after Coates, strike what I said

Rodrigues 2nd

Cologne: Page 4 my report change to thing to card reader problem

Rosati 2nd

Rosati: Motion to change cultural report from Davis to Rosati

Rossi 2nd

Messineo: Page 7 where it says umm come back to me strike

Rodrigues 2nd

Minutes approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Cologne: Motion for pledge

Boiteau 2nd

F. PUBLIC FORUM:**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:****- FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Boiteau: 2 bills on floor...ssdp?

Member: Money to fund hemp fest taking place April 30th on quad. Staging sound lighting equipment for concert, \$500 for speakers from law enforcement against prohibition, trying to promote more sensible drug policy.

Dallinga: What bands do you plan on getting?

Member: Working on lineup still

MacKinnon: Been put on a few years in a row, went last year, success

Boiteau: Vote in favor, in April around finals

Bill passes ☺

Boiteau: Travel request for SEC

Member: National convention in St Louis of all SEC's from around nation, seminars and different acts that present themselves, learn to better promote and run and learn and share our success with other committees, want to send 4 juniors on our committee, we ask half of fees to be covered...in February, during presidents day.

Cologne: How many years been doing it?

Member: At least since I've been a freshman

Bruce: A long time

May: What events go on?

Member: Magicians hypnotists, marketing selves that they are good act.

Bill passes ☺

Boiteau: Working on sample forms still, almost done. Friday on phone for hour and half with technician with inventory system almost up and running another meeting Friday

SS-10/11-43 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SSDP

Whereas, SSDP is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, SSDP would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, SSDP would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$4,412.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) in the budget of SSDP.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau
 DATE: Wednesday, December 8, 2010
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5- 0- 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

SS-10/11-44 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SEC

Whereas, SEC is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, SEC would like travel to an annual conference, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, SEC would like money to help cover the costs of the trip, and
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such requests, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,452.00 from our Travel Contingency to Category #700 (Travel) in the budget of SEC.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau
 DATE: Wednesday, December 8, 2010
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5- 0- 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:?

- Messineo:** 2 bills on floor. Muslim Student Association?
- Member:** Inform students on campus, hold about 1 event a semester. Guest speakers to educate people about misconceptions.
- MacKinnon:** Programs in mind to bring?
- Member:** Knowledgeable speakers, rent room and people can come
- Acevedo:** How many people in organization?
- Member:** 15 undergrad 2 graduate
- Pilkington:** What kind of budget?
- Member:** Don’t need much just like flyers and posters, don’t charge much to speak, may need money for catering that’s it
- Bill passes ☺**

Messineo: Quidditch club?

Member: 8 players on team, keeper guards goal, chasers run around with semi deflated volleyball, beaters have semi deflated dodge ball, seeker chases the snitch runner with tennis ball in sock. Same rules as Quidditch, throw volleyball through goals, whoever catches snitch wins. You can't really fly but are required to carry standardized broom. Certain color headbands to keep track of positions. Had Quidditch world cup in NY with teams around country. Want to bring Quidditch to URI.

Cologna: This is like a sport, liability taken to consideration?

Messineo: They have waivers, but it's in an open area and students are playing at own risk, its like students playing ultimate on quad

Curry: Anticipated budget? Playing where?

Member: A couple hundred were just starting off, as we develop more, we would hope to play with other place in RI.

Holden: How many members?

Member: Between 15 and 20.

Davis: Where would you hold Quidditch games?

Member: Quad, check and make sure it's all right, heard there is a way to reserve quad so do that

Davis: When would you like to have your first game?

Member: RI weather so hoping 1 or 2 games by end of semester.

Juhr: College with Quidditch teams already around here.

MacKinnon: See it like humans v. zombies, similar type of group and should have chance.

Messineo: Agree they should have shot, interest there. Harry Potter used to be biggest thing until Twilight.

Curry: Explain the snitch

Member: Seeker tries to get something from something and run around.

Bill passes 😊

Juhr and Moffitt abstain

Messineo: Last presidents meeting of semester was Monday alumni center, group was intrigued by Hertz presentation. Alumni center did presentation, offering scholarship for \$500 females only. Talked about budgeting and budget paperwork. Working on same projects as always. Organization handbook and manual. Canceling committee meeting next Monday now. Enjoy your reading day. Good luck on exams.

SS-10/11-45 – Bill Calling for the Muslim Student Association at Category R

Whereas, MuslimStudent Association will provide students with an opportunity to increase their participation in programs rooted in Muslim traditions, culture and customs, and

Whereas, MuslimStudent Association meets the requirement for recognition at category R, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that Student Senate recognizes Muslim Student Association at category R.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Messineo
DATE:	Wednesday December 8, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passed (6 - 0 - 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-10/11-46 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of the Quidditch Club at Category R

Whereas, the Quidditch Club will provide students with an athletic opportunity as well as offering students a network to other universities through game competition, and
Whereas, Quidditch Club meets the requirement for recognition at category R, and
Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it
Resolved, that Student Senate recognizes Quidditch Club at category R.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Messineo
 DATE: Wednesday December 8, 2010
 RECOMMENDATION: Passed (5- 0 -1)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Cologna: UC gen Ed committee meeting Friday 8-1 reps unable to attend, anybody able to go ac standards and calendars committee met and came up with proposal. Still has to be voted upon, a lot of students won't be here December 16th though. I'll send sign up sheet. Met with USA today rep to update her on situation. Pilkington getting in touch with Pro Jo for more newspapers. Have our exam rights flyers. 2 per building. Flyer all freshman residents halls.

Sinapi: Can they put up stuff for Hertz as well?

Cologna: Fine with me

Pilkington:

Cologna: Thank you

Coates: Regarding drop period change not happy about 9 weeks to 3 weeks, I suggested 5 weeks for a compromise, because you still have 3 weeks after last possible class to add. Suggest that each of you look on list and see if there's professor you know however you want and lobby them. Don't think we should let faculty senate pass it

Cowen: The w on transcript is that new?

Cologna: New for us, reason committee pushed for it is because competing schools do it, against it.

May: When is meeting?

Cologna: Sending sign up sheet December 16th 3pm.

Cowen: Does having w there have benefit for faculty or just penalty for us?

Cologna: Both, hope it will help advisors see what students drop in past, don't know why they have to do that. Also a penalty to stop students from class shopping and dropping things they don't want to take.

Sinapi: Don't understand because drops are recorded by ecampus, do don't know why they have to do this

Cologna: Everybody agreed problem is advising is poor. Felt w is best alternative

Dallinga: Out of sister schools, what are their policies, 5 weeks?

Cologna: UNH was strictest with 1 day and then w and wf after that

Segal: Would this count for past classes we've dropped, or just in the future?

Cologna: Starting next fall

Holden: 4 weeks into semester and here on scholarship and need certain GPA, cant drop without mark, can do so bad and lose scholarship.

Cowen: If successfully lobbied professor, amend bill before voted on?

Coates: Motion to amend on floor, and I've watched it happen before, we should be hoping for out right rejection. If we successfully lobby, doubt they would feel comfortable passing it and amending on floor. Committee was supposed to put a lot of consideration in. find disturbing that majority of committee, were from arts and sciences and didn't reach out to other colleges.

Cologna: Did meet with assistant deans of colleges, and they made proposal of 7 week open drop period, we liked better than current proposal.

Zaman: Significant number of faculty against on committee?

Cologna: Committee unanimously for it aside from us and the grad student

Sinapi: Sign that interest of students was regarded at all?

Cologna: They say they are trying to protect our interests.

Dallinga: All students allowed to go to faculty senate?

Cologna: Yes

May: Presentation and have faculty senate yield time and show them how we feel so they can see we disregard it

Coates: I'm ex officio member so I can say whatever I want on floor, other students can speak if sign up. Don't know if you need to be yielded time, or raise hand, haven't seen it happen. But I will be there and opposing it.

Zaman: Lower it to 3 weeks? Also place w?

Cologna: Currently 9 no consequences, want to change to 3 week open and then 4-6 withdraw and you get a w. After week 7 have to go through formal process of getting paperwork and appealing to dean to withdraw which is usually only granted to extreme cases

Coates: Suggested committee include method of appeal for w if drop class, not taken in consideration

Pezza: Helpful to have senators at meeting?

Cologna: Yes

Dallinga: 5 cent cigar to attract people to meeting

Coates: Unfortunately last issue comes out tomorrow

Zaman: Other students not part of senate can attend?

Cologna: Yes

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Jones: Had meeting past Monday, talked about projects we want to do. Off campus max 4 occupancy, research on that. May be meeting before winter break

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Davis: Cultural meeting postponed till Friday. Thursday was gingerbread competition, put across union, smac won. Holiday toy drive ended Monday raised over 700 toys. Thursday at 5pm last MCC presidents meeting. Holzman and Coates making presentations. After break MCC presents January 31st to February 5th weeks of events, attend.

Messineo: Meeting at 3:30, but if it's done I'll be there.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Sinapi: Hertz, distributing email soon. Check email over break, want to address soon. One where cars will be parked.

Curry: Complaint about shuttle, want to see how long it will take. They don't come on schedule. Waited outside and I waited 24 minutes the first time, didn't get info, Monday I waited, it was cold and 3 buses went to commuter parking lot and 1 bus passed us by full, the 2nd bus didn't come for another 26 minutes, I was late to class and then 2 buses followed behind it. Bus parked away from stop, and he said he was early; I got his name and bus.

May: Took hill climber today driver stopped for me even though I wasn't designated stop, and he picked me up somewhere else so that's good.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Chief Information Officer

b. Director of Communications

Pezza: 8 people still need to pick up shirts after meeting. Basketball games over break, if you'll be around and want to go.

Coates: If tickets don't get used, I'm giving them back, you can take multiple tickets.

c. Secretary

Segal: I have been getting most committee minutes so that's, if you're committee hasn't been sending minutes make sure to send them. Liaisons, I received a few more

reports since last week, which is good but not good enough! Because I should have them all...on time! Also kudos is for Brandford for putting on a great gingerbread house-making contest for the student groups on Thursday. A lot of people also did remarkable things that nice so you're all runners up!

d. Treasurer

MacKinnon: Got a new printer don't ask me for more money, have a great break.

e. Vice President

Prata: Winners of senate scholarship. Formal January 29th, money in by next Friday. Need to give Amalfi's money and count beforehand. If interested in bus Kim will ask you, about \$15 more.

Messineo: School bus?

Prata: Yeah

Rodrigues: \$15?

Prata: Yes. It's an option. Sign up for ski trip.

Wynne: What was the price?

Moffitt: \$74.95 need more people to sign up.

May: When is that due?

Moffitt: When we get back from break

Prata: Secret snowman will be during general discussion and open forum

f. President

Coates: Today I had several meetings, talked about things related to other schools. Survey about if you go to school in RI and if you plan on working there after. JCAP also met today subcommittee will be meeting. Won't know about state budget and higher ed until next semester. Last Friday had meeting with CIO, DOC and external chairman. Good strategy on how to get attention to URI and state schools in particular. Keep senate in loop. Laid out solid plans for coalition issues, 4 person max occupancy is against state law struck down 3 times by supreme court of RI. Beyond good conversation with town manager of Narragansett afterwards. Told him if he wants eastward to stop being used as nightclub build 18+ nightclub. Student conduct appeals committee needs rep, need 1 member for committee and an alternate. Very serious appointment. Subject matter will be harsh and criminal. Must be serious. I got about a dozen responses in about an hour and a half. Write me why you are most qualified. And I'll choose. People interested in exec for next year shadow exec and attend other committees than the one you're on. I'd rather see a bunch of high qualified candidates battle it out, high qualified people around table. Exec is 6:30 tomorrow night.

Messineo: What are you doing tomorrow at 3:30?

Coates: Whatever you're asking me to go to

Cologna: If you're going for student and conduct appeals and want to be an RA withdraw you'll have conflicts on interest.

Coates: Didn't ask Bedard for somebody last year, meaning there is probably a serious issue now

- RULES AND ETHICS:

Caisse: No report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Holden: Thank you Bruce for coming work hard on finals

Elections

MacKinnon: Bill on floor for first meeting calls for election of president, vice president, at large and college rep seats.

SS-10/11-47 BILL CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND ELECTION OF ACADEMIC COLLEGE AND AT-LARGE SEATS FOR THE 2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE TERM

Whereas, the URI Student Senate is required to hold annual elections during the spring semester to fill all the seats, and

Whereas, the Senate has restrictions on when the elections may be held due to scheduling and the requirements of the bylaws, therefore be it

Resolved, that an election shall be held according to the following schedule:

Declaration Period: Monday, 1/31/11 @ 8:30am to Friday 2/11/11 @ 1pm
Polls Open: Wednesday, 2/16/11 9am-5pm
Polls Open: Thursday, 2/17/11 9am- 5pm

And be it further

Resolved, the following seats will be put up for election:
President/Vice-President, the top two candidate sets to run off in a general election
One (1) Seat for the College of Arts and Sciences
One (1) Seat for the College of Pharmacy
One (1) Seat for the College of Engineering
One (1) Seat for the College of Nursing
One (1) Seat for the College of Business
One (1) Seat for the College of Human Sciences and Services
One (1) Seat for the College of Environmental and Life Sciences
One (1) Seat for University College
Twelve (12) seats At-Large Representative

And be it finally

Resolved, that the elections shall conclude upon validation of the results by legislation.

Sponsor: Elections Committee
Bill Handler: Chairman
Date: Wednesday, December 8th, 2010
Recommendation: Passage (5-0-0)
Expiration Date: Upon Validation
Action: Vote next week

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Messineo: I got my secret person a gift but forgot it in my room C Knight can attest

Bruce: Good luck on finals have good break

Cologna: This is Farrow’s last meeting

Farrow: One more

Juhr: Mini mall today and tomorrow 10-5, stop by.

Coates: Yield time to officer Mark

Officer Mark: Enjoy break safely, have good time

Cowen: My house received 2 orange stickers, 1st was our fault, 2nd wasn't so I'm fighting it in court on the 16th, if want to show support come.

Curry: My last senate meeting because I'm going abroad, I'll be running again next fall, hope everybody has a great break and rest of year.

Coates: Have a good time, come to formal anyway.

Pezza: If signed up for tickets you will get in mailbox

Sinapi: Campus stay we're taking picture

Cologna: If took exam rights flyers don't forget to hang up, good luck on finals

Messineo: SOARC email me times available for next semester or I'll harass you over break

Boiteau: Applebees at 9

Rodrigues: Motion to adjourn

Holden 2nd

N. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Acevedo, Ajasa, Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Caisse, Cicero, Cowen, Curry, Dallinga, Dhopolsky, Farrow, Ferreira, Flynn, Gulum, Holden, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, May, McCormack, Messineo, Moffitt, Pilkington, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, Sinapi, K Stewart, Troiano, Wynne, Zaman

NAY: Cologna, Davis, Rodrigues

NO VOTE: Coates, MacKinnon, Pezza, Prata, Segal

7:47 pm